REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are now pending in this application. The Examiner is respectfully

requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of remarks contained

herein.

**DOUBLE PATENTING** 

Claims 1-21 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-

type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No.

7,054,696.

The Applicants have provided a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double

patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 7,054,696.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the double

patenting rejections.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly

traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests

that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is

believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office

Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and

favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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